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SUBJECT: ROLE OF ETHIOPIAN DELEGATE AT MAPUTO CONFERENCE

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1. MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE-GIORGIS, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY, ADDRESSED THE UN CONFERENCE IN SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLES OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA ON MAY 18. HIS SPEECH WAS REMARKABLY SIMILAR TO THOSE OF THE SOVIET AND EASTERN EUROPEAN SPOKESMEN AND UNHELPFUL TO WESTERN AND USG EFFORTS AT CONFERENCE. FORTUNATELY, WOLDE-GIORGIS PLAYED NO SUBSTANTIVE ROLE IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OR THE RESOLUTION DRAFTING SUBCOMMITTEE AND THUS HE HAD NO REAL AFFECT ON THE OUTCOME OF THE CONFERENCE. HE CERTAINLY WAS NOT ONE OF THE MAJOR AFRICAN FIGURES IN THE NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE RESOLUTIONS. WHILE HIS SPEECH GENERALLY PARALLED THE SOVIET "LINE" AT THE CONFERENCE WE HAVE NO EVIDENCE THAT HE CONSULTED CLOSELY WITH THE SOVIETS DURING THE CONFERENCE.

2. THE FOLLOWING IS THE OFFICIAL UN ISSUED SUMMARY OF WOLDE-GIORGIS' ADDRESS:

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MAJOR DAWIT WOLDE-GIORIGIS, PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF ETHIOPIA, SAID THE MAPUTO CONFERENCE OFFERED A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR NATIONS TO FOCUS ON THE ROOT CAUSES OF THE PROBLEMS OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. SUCH A FOCUS WAS NECESSARY, IN HIS VIEW, BECAUSE TOO OFTEN THEY HAD BEEN LED TO EXAMINE SIDE ISSUES WHEN THE CRUX OF THE PROBLEM HAD ALWAYS BEEN THE CONSPIRACY OF COLONIALISM, RACISM AND IMPERIALISM.

WITH REGARD TO THE QUESTION OF ZIMBABWE, HE SAID THAT THERE HAD BEEN ALL KINDS OF PROPOSALS FROM VARIOUS QUARTERS. BRITISH PROPOSALS, ANGLO-AMERICAN PROPOSALS, GENEVA TALKS, THE FOLLOW-UP ON THE GENEVA TALKS, ONE FOREIGN MINISTER'S AFRICAN VISIT, ANOTHER EMISSARY'S CONSULTATION -- ALL THESE, IN THE OPINION OF HIS DELEGATION, WERE ONLY "RUSES DESIGNED TO KEEP US ARGUING ABOUT SECONDARY ISSUES WHILE THE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES" -- THE SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT OF THE IMPERIALIST POWERS TO THE RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTHERN RHODESIA -- REMAINED UNATTENDED TO.

THE IMPERIALIST POWERS HAD MADE THEIR INTERESTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA QUITE CLEAR, HE WENT ON. THEIR INTERESTS WERE ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND STRATEGIC. THEY HAD ALSO MADE PLAIN THAT, WHILE THEY REGARDED THE TWO RACIST REGIMES AS THE BEST GUARANTORS FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THEIR INTERESTS, THEY COULD ALSO CONSIDER THE TRANSFER OF POWER, TO CERTAIN SEGMENTS OF THE INDIGENOUS POPULATION IF THESE WOULD BE WILLING TO LOOK AFTER THEIR INTERESTS JUST AS DILIGENTLY.

MAJOR WOLDE-GIORIGIS SAID IT WAS OFTEN ASSUMED BY THOSE WHO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CALLED FOR CONTINUED DIALOGUE TO SOLVE THE ZIMBABWE QUESTION THAT, GIVEN A LITTLE MORE TIME, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT WOULD BE ABLE TO WRIGGLE SOME CONCESSIONS OUT OF IAN SMITH. THE ASSUMPTION WAS BASED ON THE ARGUMENT THAT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT, AS THE ADMINISTERING POWER FOR THE TERRITORY, WOULD WORK TOWARDS FULFILLING ITS LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY. BUT THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT HAD HAD AMPLE TIME TO PROVE TO THE WORLD ITS READINESS TO CARRY OUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY, AND HAD SHOWN A LONG TIME AGO THAT IT WAS NOT PREPARED TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO DO SO.

IF A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT WAS THOUGHT TO HAVE ANY CHANCE AT ALL, HE SAID, IT SHOULD ONLY BE ATTEMPTED WHILE THE ARMED STRUGGLE WAS PROSECUTED RELENTLESSLY.

AS FOR SANCTIONS, HE REMARKED THAT THE STATES WHICH COULD HAVE MADE THEM EFFECTIVE HAD EVADED THE SANCTIONS AND THUS EXPOSED THEMSELVES AS PAYING ONLY LIP-SERVICE TO THE NEED FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

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